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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Examiner Habte:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on January 27, 2006, imposing an election of species/restriction requirement in the above-captioned patent application. The shortened one-month statutory period for response to the Office Action expires on February 27, 2006.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed.

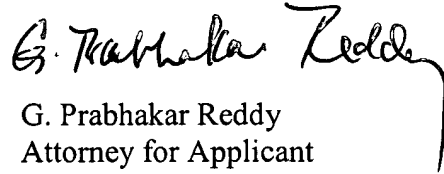
Applicants believe no fees are due at this time. However, should any fees be due, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for this filing, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-0519.

In response to the election/restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect, for search purposes and without prejudice, the species of {4-[5-methyl-6-piperidin-4-yl-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-pyridazin-4-yl]-pyrimidin-2-yl}-(1-phenyl-ethyl)-amine, to begin examination. This compound is specifically disclosed in the application as Example 12 on page 27. Claim 1 reads on the elected species.

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